

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A method and apparatus is provided for forming a leak proof coupling between two thin walled metallic ends in a beverage distribution system. The pipe ends are prepared by cutting the ends and ensuring that the cross-section of the ends are round. An alignment device in the form of a dual pipe holder holds the prepared pipes in an end to end orientation so that the ends are abutted and parallel to each other. A sealing tape having particular properties with a high performance adhesive is secured around the two ends so that the tape overlaps. A steel coupling is positioned and clamped over the sealing tape. The sealing tape and steel coupling renders the sealed joint leak proof and provides structural integrity.

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